

2nd Sub. S.B. 49
OPTIONAL EXTENDED-DAY KINDERGARTEN

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 1

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Senator **Lyle W. Hillyard** proposes the following amendments:

Senator Hillyard moves to print the following intent language in the Senate Journal:

INTENT LANGUAGE FOR S.B. 49

"In passing S.B. 49, Optional Extended-day Kindergarten, the Legislature recognizes and intends the following:

- (1) In accordance with Section 53A-6-102, it is the intent of the Legislature to reaffirm that 'the primary responsibility for the education of children within the state resides with their parents or guardians and that the role of state and local governments is to support and assist parents in fulfilling that responsibility.'
- (2) The reach and scope of Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 8, Voluntary Extended-day Kindergarten Program, is limited to voluntary participation and targeted for at-risk children only.
- (3) The Legislature finds that:
 - (a) most of Utah's pre-school age children are better off cared for at home by their parents or guardians;
 - (b) in select cases, some pre-school age children could benefit from the assistance of state and local governments in providing educationally-significant, extended, early education opportunities;
 - (c) studies show that some early education programs are educationally-significant for certain at-risk children;
 - (d) voluntary and targeted early education programs for at-risk children are special and limited services; and
 - (e) in establishing these special and limited services, state and local governments should encourage, whenever appropriate, parents or guardians to care for their pre-school age children at home."